

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 473

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Lewis Mark McAdoo on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis Mark McAdoo is one such estimable person, who, having rendered thirty years of sterling service to the State of Tennessee, will take his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, the son of Stephen Morris McAdoo and Anna Carol Link, Dr. McAdoo was raised in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and throughout his childhood, he was active in the Boy Scouts of America program and played high school football, baseball, and golf; and

WHEREAS, after he graduated from high school in Lewis County, Dr. McAdoo attended Bethel University and transferred to Tennessee Technological University, where he received Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Biology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McAdoo began his tenure with the State of Tennessee in 1993, and he served for ten years each with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), and the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR); and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Dr. McAdoo responded to a newspaper advertisement in search of a policy researcher for TACIR, and with the help and encouragement of Dr. Cliff Lippard and Lynnise Roehrich-Patrick, he took on the first public infrastructure report, which won a national award from the Government Research Association in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Dr. McAdoo was invited to return to TDEC, where he eventually became chief of enforcement and compliance for the Division of Water Pollution Control; when TDEC was reorganized, he transferred to TDOT and served as chief of environmental policy and later as an environmental grants program manager; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at TDOT, Dr. McAdoo completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, graduating *magna cum laude*, and a Master of Science degree in Management, graduating with highest honors from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, while a student at Austin Peay, Dr. McAdoo served as the vice chairman of the College of Business Graduate Program Advisory Board and as a member of the Sigma Beta Delta honor society for business; and

WHEREAS, he returned to TACIR in 2016, working nights and weekends in order to concurrently complete a Doctor of Business Administration degree from Colorado Tech University; he has also completed the Tennessee Government Management Institute, LEAD Tennessee, and the Vanderbilt Executive Leadership programs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McAdoo is extremely appreciative of the guidance and assistance of his mentors, including Don Maroney, Chris Moran, Dr. Harry Green, Lynnisse Roerich-Patrick, Dr. Lippard, and Deputy Executive Director Melissa Brown; and

WHEREAS, aside from his many professional accomplishments, Dr. McAdoo is most grateful for the love and support of his beloved wife of thirty years, Beth, whom he met while attending Tennessee Technological University, and their cherished daughter, Emma; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary thirty-year tenure with the State of Tennessee, Dr. Lewis McAdoo has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and community alike; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis Mark McAdoo is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Dr. Lewis Mark McAdoo for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.